

## RESOLUTION OF THE HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

*A resolution (1) approving the submission of an application for up to \$200,000 to the National Endowment for the Arts to install public art in the roundabouts and under the I-12 overpass along Southwest Railroad Avenue; (2) agreeing to a local match of up to \$200,000; and (3) authorizing the Mayor to sign all grant-related documents.*

**WHEREAS**, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Our Town grant program supports local efforts to enhance quality of life and opportunity and to transform communities into lively, beautiful, and resilient places—with the arts at their core;

**WHEREAS**, NEA Our Town grants may be used for public art projects that improve public spaces—celebrating the distinctive character and quality of communities;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, and local business, industry, and nonprofits have partnered in the creation of a Gateway to Hammond at the intersection of I-12 and Southwest Railroad Avenue both to calm traffic and to attract and welcome travelers to our storied city;

**WHEREAS**, these partners agree that the installation of public art within this public space will help to achieve both objectives—enhancing quality of life and opportunity and celebrating the uniqueness of Hammond as a "Crossroads of the South"—and have already agreed to provide the necessary local match for such a project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF HAMMOND HEREBY

1. approves the submission of an application for up to \$200,000 to the National Endowment for the Arts to install public art in the roundabouts and under the I-12 overpass along Southwest Railroad Avenue;
2. agrees to a local match of up to \$200,000; and
3. authorizes the Mayor to sign all grant-related documents.

Approved and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Council, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Hammond City Council following roll call vote:

Yeas: \_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_

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Tonia Banks  
Hammond City Council Clerk

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Mike Williams  
Hammond City Council President